

it is highly preferable and critical in many applications that at least two of the upper top engageable continuous hole, the lower top engageable continuous hole, and the bottom engageable continuous hole are in a condition selected from deviating from being commensurate, being  
 5 misaligned, and a combination thereof, as long as they can still be concurrently engaged with the same screw or bolt or other suitable engageable member. In this manner, the prevailing torque is highly improved, even without the need of other frictional elements.

10 The upper free-ended top section 12A and the lower free-ended top section 12B are connected to the bottom section 14 by a right section 18, and a left section 16, respectively.

The left section 16 comprises left snapping segments 20A  
 15 and 20B (20 collectively), and the right section 18 comprises right snapping segments 22A and 22B (22B not shown) (22 collectively).

The snapping segments 20A, 20B (collectively 20), 22A, and 22B (collectively 22) comprise anti-opening portions 20A', 20B' (collectively 20'), 22A', and 22B' (collectively 22'), respectively, which  
 20 dramatically increase the strength by which two or more objects, such as objects 46 and 60 for example, are held together by the fasteners of this invention, since the anti-opening portions 20A', 20B', 22A', and 22B' prevent the snapping segments from spreading apart, as being secured  
 25 within the slot 62 of the object 60, such as a metal sheet for example. This extraordinary beneficial effect of the presence of the anti-opening portions on the snapping segments is also applicable to any folded sheet metal fastener comprising a bottom section having a bottom engageable continuous hole; a left section connected to the bottom and comprising a